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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2519

Introduced by Assembly Member Umberg

February 23, 2006

An act to amend Section 6006 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to the practice of law, *and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2519, as amended, Umberg. State Bar inactive membership: eligibility for judgeship.

Existing law provides that a person is eligible to be a judge of a court of record if he or she has been a member of the State Bar of California for 10 years immediately preceding selection. Existing law provides that those who are or have been enrolled as inactive members of the State Bar at their request are members of the State Bar for the purpose of that provision.

This bill would provide that inactive membership only qualifies as membership for purposes of eligibility to be a judge of a court of record if the person has also been an active member of the State Bar for at least 10 years.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ~~majority~~^{2/3}. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 6006 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:

3 6006. Active members who retire from practice shall be
4 enrolled as inactive members at their request.

5 Inactive members are not entitled to hold office or vote or
6 practice law. Those who are enrolled as inactive members at their
7 request may, on application and payment of all fees required,
8 become active members. Those who are or have been enrolled as
9 inactive members at their request are members of the State Bar
10 for purposes of Section 15 of Article VI of the California
11 Constitution, provided that they have been active members for at
12 least 10 years. Those who are enrolled as inactive members
13 pursuant to Section 6007 may become active members as
14 provided in that section.

15 Inactive members have such other privileges, not inconsistent
16 with this chapter, as the board of governors provides.

17 SEC. 2. *This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*
18 *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety*
19 *within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go*
20 *into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*

21 *In order to provide sufficient time for judicial candidates to*
22 *become aware of the requirement in a timely manner, it is*
23 *necessary that this act take effect immediately.*